

Belgian trip itinerary

article translated

An article on the recent visit of Belgian-Americans to Belgium, printed in the *Namur Vers L'Avenir* (Toward the Future), Namur, Belgium, has been translated for the Advocate by Louis Bosman of R. 6. It is headlined "Wisconsin Cousins return for Walloon festivals." Article follows:

From September 8 to 21, as 2 years ago, the province of Namur, Brabant and Luxemburg will have the pleasure to receive an important group of Americans from Wisconsin, descendants of Belgian emigrant of the east century.

The Wallon-Wisconsin Bulletin in three languages (Wallon, English, French) published the program for the stay of their friends who came a long way to rediscover the land of their ancestors. We know that among them are a good number who still speak the language learned in their families.

Our cousins, numbering 270 disembarked at the Brussels-National airport Wednesday, September 8 and were welcomed by a delegation of native Belgians. Automobiles conducted them to Temploux, L'Oasis, Nivelles, arriving at Namur at about 10:30 o'clock.

Thursday, Sept. 9 and Friday Sept. 10 were free days. A certain number of Peninsula Belgian American club made a voyage to London on the 10 and 11 of September.

For the others, Saturday the 11, left the square of Saint Aubain at 9:30 for Grez-Doiceau with a reception by the officers, a dinner and a festival, then to Basse-Wavre, another official reception, a meal and a Wallon evening.

Sunday, Sept. 12 a participation at the festival of Philippeville, official recep-

tion, dinner at the tea-garden, the day of reception at Meux, a cold snack, several games of couyon followed by dancing.

Several Americans at the request of the Peninsula club made a trip into Germany Sept. 13 to the 16. For others, Monday, Sept. 12 an excursion to Bastogne, another official reception, a visit to Mardasson and to the museum "Nuts."

On the return, visit to Saint Hubert, Chateau de Lavaux-Sainte-Anne, then through Beauraing and Dinant.

Tuesday, Sept. 14 was another free day. Wednesday, a dinner offered by provincial officers of the domain of Chevetogne and returning to Namur through the valley of Semois, Ginnet. A short stop at the brewery of Floreffe for a drink of friendship.

Thursday, Sept. 16, another free day. Friday, a visit at the University of Louvain-la-Neuve. In the afternoon a reception at Melin, near Jodoigne, with a play by the young people of the village.

Saturday, Sept. 10 a presentation of the films at the House of Culture with the subjects being American Wallons. In the afternoon participation of the festival and in the evening a mass in Wallon at Saint Joseph church.

Sunday, 19, Monday, 20, the American friends assisted at various manifestations of the "Fetes de Wallonie".

Monday, Sept. 21. Their departure for their country.